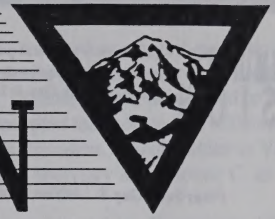


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Voting Vigils and Victory Parties

Because of the importance to all of us of Amendment 2, lots of people have expressed an interest in being together to watch the voting results on November 3.

After several smaller get togethers were organized, it was decided a HUGE party (or two) would be more in order. Therefore, Poor Richard's and the Penthouse are the places to be on Election Day, 324½ North Tejon, and 1715 N. Academy. 7:00 PM is the time, but they probably wouldn't mind if you showed up a little earlier.

Come celebrate with all your friends who have worked so hard for so long during this election campaign. Come party 'till the sun comes up! ▼

Showcase

Monarch House Group

You never know what's going to happen at a Gay Pride Parade. There were lots of people there who were meeting for the first time. Randy Toddish was there. So were his friends Dennis Lujan and Jeff Milligan, who had just met Sharon and Lan Green a few weeks before during the puppet building workshop.

Randy had a dream and he shared it with these people, who shared it with others. This is the story of a dream beginning to come true.

Randy had worked in a housing project for People Living With AIDS (PLWAs), and he had learned a lot. He learned how AIDS, or simply having the HIV virus, can complicate an otherwise stable relationship. He learned about the day to day difficulties that seem to escalate sometimes on a daily basis, no matter what kind of relationship you might have.

To Randy it seemed that most, but not all, of the needs of these people were being met. And most of their wants were not being met at all. This was an existence, not a life. Randy wanted to make things better for his friends, and Dennis, Jeff, Sharon and Lan decided it would be a great project.

This group of people would form a non-profit corporation with the mission of providing civilized living for PLWAs. A pack of cigarettes on

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The Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community uses the advertising revenue from *Community Vision* and money from annual dues (and generous donations!) to sponsor and finance the following activities:

- The annual Community Congress
- The annual Pride Week, including the Pride Parade
- The Helpline, answering over 1000 calls for information per year
- Referrals to 24 support groups/organizations in the Pikes Peak Area
- Publishing of *Community Vision* monthly

PPGLCC Mission Statements

The mission of the Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center is to:

1. Assist lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgendered people in reaching their full potential as human beings.
2. Promote understanding, cooperation, and a sense of community among lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgendered people.
3. Promote, within society at large, an appreciation of the history, culture and contributions of lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgendered people.
4. Assist society at large in understanding the lives of lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgendered people.
5. Promote acceptance by society at large of lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgendered people.

From the President

There are two issues I'd like to address this month, both of them important.

One is the necessity of our community's responding to any and all attacks by the religious right. In the last year, we have seen a School District 20 school cancel a self-esteem program because the book being used, entitled *Pumsy*, allegedly involved New Age mysticism (because a dragon character in the book carried "magic rocks"!); School District 11 cancel two panel presentations, one by members of the pagan community and one by our community, at one high school's diversity week program; a Greek Mythology course in the Woodland Park high school challenged because it did not present Christianity as part of its curriculum; and, most recently, the Pikes Peak Library District (covering Colorado Springs) ban Madonna's famous-before-anyone's-seen-it book *Sex*. All of these attacks have been launched by people motivated exclusively by a religious right sociopolitical perspective. And all except the Woodland Park episode have been successful.

You might wonder what these events have to do with the Pikes Peak region's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community. One, of course, directly concerned us—the cancellation of the diversity week panel presentation. The others affected us as well, although more indirectly. That's because any such attack, when successful, validates the religious right's sociopolitical objective—to remake our community in their image. Each successful attack encourages the religious right to try it again, and undermines the will of mainstream administrators to stand up to the next thrust. If the religious right can succeed in banning *Sex*, won't they then try to ban books they consider "homosexual" (Jessie Helms' favorite word)? And if they succeed in stigmatizing gays and lesbians, shouldn't they (from their own perspective) go after someone else they don't like, perhaps the pagans? Or the Jews? Or interracial couples? Who knows.

What we do know is that every success by the religious right increases the probability of future successful attacks. We can't let that occur, at least unimpeded. So I encourage you to respond whenever an effort by the religious right is evident. I also encourage you to join Citizens Project, a civil liberties organization formed earlier this year to combat these attacks. Membership is free; call 685-9899 to get on their mailing list. Their next general meeting is Monday, November 2, at 7 pm at Centennial Hall. Why don't you drop by if you have a chance.

And if you'd like to protest the library district's banning of *Sex*, contact Bernie Margolis, the district's Director, who made the decision. Call him at 531-6333, ext. 1010, or write him at Pikes Peak Library District, P.O. Box 1579, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

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At the beginning of this column, I said that I had two issues to address. The second is somewhat more solemn. This is our reaction if Amendment 2 passes on November 3. **STAY THE COURSE!** Amendment 2 will eventually be shot down in the courts. In the meantime, its presence will not stop our community from doing anything that we are now doing. We can continue to build our community, strengthen the community center, make friends in the nongay community, oppose bigotry and prejudice in all their forms, and in other ways march forward. They can say all the nasty things they want to, but they cannot take away our dignity or our worth. Remember that. It's important.

—Robin Miller▼

Board of Directors Meeting, October 24, 1992

The Chicago Resource Center notified the PPGLCC of receipt of our grant application, stating we should have a reply by the end of January. If approved, the grant will help fund a building for the community center for a year.

A Long Island businessman is relocating his business to Colorado and hopes to hire several lesbians and gays to staff his mail order business and horse stable operation.

A poll watching Victory Party is being planned for the evening of November 3. Details will be published upon receipt. The community center Jubilee plans are being finalized. The event on November 6 will feature most of the organizations supported by the PPGLCC as well as many gay-friendly, straight-owned businesses around town. Details for catering and entertainment are being handled by Pam Jones.

Rod Fleming is now Corresponding Secretary of the

community center. Lisa L. resigned as a board member, and will remain as part of the senior staff as chair of the Program Development committee. Daphne C. was nominated to fill the position. The board accepted the motion that officers for the year be Robin Miller as President, Martin Meier as Vice president, John Mark Hild as secretary and Daphne C. as treasurer.

Committee reports were heard from Community Vision, as well as the Helpline, Fund Raising, Communications, Historical, Violence & Discrimination and the Adopt-A-Highway committees.

Noteworthy is an advertising rate increase for the newsletter and the inclusion of newsletter articles on Diversity, the gay computer bulletin board service (with last names and phone numbers deleted). Tami is in desperate need of assistance with the Helpline to keep it efficient. The pointsetia sales have given us a \$1,000 profit, twice what was projected, and the new equipment acquired for the Audiotext Hotline will also allow the PPGLCC to operate a voice-mail system similar to the telephone company. The difference will be that we own the equipment, not the phone company, and profits from the answering system will benefit the community center.

Forty Colorado Springs organizations that deal with families and youth have been invited to participate in a day of networking sponsored by School District 11. The PPGLCC received an invitation; Marion Muhme will organize the group to represent us on November 9.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 21, at 9:30 AM. The location will be announced by first class mail.▼

Membership Application

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Center ready to Adopt-A-Highway

Jack B. has taken the initiative to enroll the community center in the state's Adopt-A-Highway program. The paperwork should be completed soon, allowing us to be responsible for the last two miles of Highway 24 going up Ute Pass, ending in Cascade. Our obligation is to pick up the trash once a month, weather permitting. And we'll get two signs, at busy points along the highway, announcing the center's name. To volunteer for the next work crew, please call the Helpline at 471-4429.

The center also is looking into participating in the city's Adopt-A-Median program, hopefully right in front of Focus on the Family. We'll let you know. ▼

Audiotext Update

Progress is slow but steady on the new PPGLCC Audiotext Hotline. Equipment has been purchased and is presently being set up for operation. Volunteers are still needed to finish the text revisions and to record the text.

We are also seeking individuals with computer, voice mail, and paging experience. For further info please call Martin at 687-6335 or Pam at 578-0412. ▼

Treasurer's Report

September Income

Paid Advertising	\$ 45.00
Audio Text	779.00
Donations	214.08
Fund Raising	40.00
Memberships	154.00
	1,232.08

September Expenses

Newsletter	\$ 92.69
Audio Text	11.69
Fund Raising	66.28
Community Functions	111.85
Operational	3.12
Phone Bill	0.00
Miscellaneous	39.86
	325.49

Net income (loss) \$ 906.59

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Poinsettia Fund Raiser a Success

Many thanks to the several dozen folks that helped with our Autumn fund raiser. As you probably know PPGLCC sold florist quality poinsettia plants. The deadline for

ordering plants is now past however a few extra plants have been ordered so if you did not get your order placed in time you might give Martin a call at 687-6335. Martin is also looking for volunteers to deliver the plants on December 5 & 6. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers. This fund raiser has raised over a thousand dollar for PPGLCC...job well done, members! ▼

Meet Your Board

Mark Merriman

Mark became a board member this past spring. He has been a past Emperor and is still active in the Court system, particularly in the fund raising areas. He is also a several year member of the CGRA.

Mark has lived here since 1985. He owns and manages one of those head hunter employment firms, specializing in the placement of engineering and technical candidates. Before coming to Colorado Springs he lived in Los Angeles where he spent 12 years as a "teacher, writer, realtor and bar fly."

Coming from L.A., Mark was used to a more dynamic and involved gay community. He feels this is a major motivation in his involvement in the PPGLCC. He sees the center's major function as one of communication. From a position at the hub of the community, the center should serve to unite the many organizations within our community.

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becoming a common voice for a very diverse group of people. He is in favor of a community center building as an identifiable "home," which he feels would give us a permanent location for the Helpline, and be a site for meetings and activities not only for the community center board and membership, but potentially for many other groups.

"I believe that the Center will help to build a more cohesive and enlightened community, both gay and straight, and in doing so create a better place to live. I will do all that I can to further that cause."

Marion Muhme

Marion will be serving a term on the board of directors through September of next year. She is a parental-type member of P-FLAG and has an interest in working with other parents who have gay children. She wants parents and grandparents to be able to love and accept their gay children. Communication is a big thing with Marion.

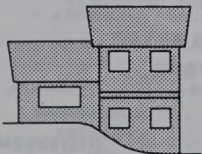
Marion's son is 24 and living in Minnesota. Marion is an RN and has worked at Memorial Hospital for over 20 years. She is interested in "all the scientific data" coming out, which she was sure was true ten years ago.

Of all the groups supported, staffed or sponsored by the PPGLCC, Marion belongs to the only one that works with parents. She is the only non-gay parent on our board. She brings a unique point of view to us, and with Alan Cook makes sure the bond between the community center and P-FLAG is tight. She's the mother many of us never had, and we're fortunate that she's willing to donate her time to us in this capacity. ▼

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Court News

Coronation XVII

The Seventeenth Annual Coronation of Emperor and Empress of the United Court of the Rising Sun Empire of Colorado Springs (the Court) was held on Saturday evening, October 17, at the City Auditorium. The event was reportedly quite successful due to strong participation from out of town organizations as well as widespread local support. The evening ran smoothly without any of the outside harassment seen in years past. Rod wrote a detailed account for us.

Coronation XVII Was Glitter, Feathers and Fun

by Rod Fleming

This year's theme was Mardi Gras, and it was just what you'd expect. The auditorium had a festive air, with balloons, masks and streamers decorating the entire hall. Attendance was over 200, including representatives from the courts of Lexington, Omaha, Portland, Salt Lake, Dallas and, of course, Denver. A contingent from Albuquerque was there to be proclaimed a barony of the United Court of the Rising Sun Empire.

The evening's climax was the crowning of Tami Lynn Noel as Empress XVII and Bruce Littrell as Emperor XVII. They have a busy year ahead of them and they both have many new ideas for events during their coming reign.

We are all saddened by the tragic loss of past monarchs Dennis Lewis and Sasha Dior in early September, prior to the conclusion of their reign. They were not there to step down from their positions, but this Coronation would have made them proud. A special compliment is due Bubblin' Brown Sugar and Blu (Princess Royal XVI and Prince Royal XVI). Their demeanor throughout the evening was regal and showed them to be an asset to the 16th reign, even during this difficult time.

The P.R. Ball, "Escapade, a Masquerade: A Salute To Masks," will be held November 14 at the Springs Motor Inn, 2850 South Circle Drive. The doors open at 7:00 PM and the

ball starts at 8:00 PM. This is the night when the Court announces and crowns the new Princess and Prince Royal and is the culmination of the reign of Brown Sugar and Blu in those positions.

Congratulations go to The Pegasus Empress, Tami Lynn Noel and to The Entertainer Emperor, Bruce. We look forward to the new reign continuing the long standing tradition of fund raising and community support. ▼

Tammi Lynn Noel



Empress XVII



Court News

The Court of Magic and Healing, UCRSE, announces the following events for November.

The Hide & Seek will be the setting for the Tiara Show on November 1, the Court Victory Show on November 7, Investitures on November 8, and the Torn Levi Contest on November 27.

Emperor Bruce will be hosting Sing Alongs in Man Stop from 5:30 to 7:30 PM on November 6, 13, 20 and 27.

The P.R. Ball will be held at 7:00 PM on November 14 at the Springs Motor Inn.

Thanksgiving Dinner will be held November 26 at the Iron Springs Chateau, with doors opening at 11:00 AM, and dinner served at 12:30 PM.

The Helpline can put you in touch with Court personnel if you would like more information. 471-4GAY. ▼



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the floor (Monarch) gave them their name, and they were off and running. Randy is the president of the corporation; Sharon is the vice president, and Jeff is the secretary. They have applied for their §501(c)(3) status from the IRS; it's due to be received any day. It will allow those making donations to the project to legally deduct them on their income tax returns.

Randy had worked with plenty of PLWAs. He was familiar with problems. He knew of the services provided by Southern Colorado AIDS Project (S-CAP) and the Pikes Peak Hospice. The Monarch House Group would concentrate on helping these people in other areas so that no overlap of services would occur. Instead Monarch House Group would provide **additional** services to PLWA and HIV+ individuals in the Pikes Peak region.

The first hand experience over the years of helping his friends taught Randy about their physical, spiritual and medical needs. They all have friends and family, sometimes lovers, and those people have needs, too. How do you get your disability started when you need it? How do you find a doctor? How do you eat if you can't cook? How do you shop if you don't drive? Who can help with your IV? What if you need a nurse one day and not the next? And finally, where do you live while all this is going on?

Sasha was a great friend, one of the many inspirations to get this project off the ground. A retired military couple joined the effort. Everyone they talked to believed a well organized housing project was a terrific idea. The clerk at 7-Eleven offered to help. The IRS paperwork was more detailed than originally anticipated, but their spirits never fell. The board of directors grew to 11 and the volunteers were lining up. Martha Barton from Pikes Peak Hospice announced there would be nursing services available to residents whenever necessary. S-CAP provides services to a particular geographic area, and certainly the residents of the future Monarch House project would fall into that category. Psychological services have been pledged, to be available as needed for residents. Grandparents have volunteered to help out. The Denver University outreach program gave them all sorts

of help and hints in avoiding bureaucratic hurdles.

The target opening date is June 1, 1993. By this time the board hopes to have a home ready for people that will offer not only a place to live, but a place for friends, family and visitors. A place where residents will take an active part in the home's maintenance, and even the well being of their fellow residents, of their new extended family. A place that is safe, restful and where friends are always welcome. A home in every sense of the word.

Fund raising, always a full time effort for any non-profit organization, was kicked off by Theaterworks at UCCS. They gave a benefit performance of *The Glass Menagerie*, and gave all the proceeds to Monarch House Group. And as the first charitable contribution of the 17th reign, the United Court of the Rising Sun Empire made a \$1,000 donation to Monarch House Group in memory of Paul Grantham, Sasha and Dennis. Future fund raisers are being planned at True Colors. Tim and WW at The Penthouse are always helpful to those making our community better for all of us. And fund raising efforts are being planned that will involve orchestral, theatrical and choral groups in Colorado Springs and Denver.

Naturally it will take lots more money. The home that opens in June will most likely be purchased through the Resolution Trust Corporation or HUD, and there will be mortgage payments to meet. There will be food to buy and utilities to pay. The proposal calls for residents to make a small co-payment of around \$5 per month to help contribute toward expenses. Otherwise, residents' personal money is theirs to keep and spend on themselves; donations, grants and fund raising will meet the rest of the expenses for the anticipated 8 to 14 charter residents. As the project grows, the board is anticipating the eventual purchase of a motel or small apartment complex to meet ever increasing housing needs of PLWAs and HIV+ individuals.

The board members of Monarch House Group have been meeting people around town, giving presentations on their project. They are meeting with members of the Professional AIDS Network at their monthly lunch at the S-CAP

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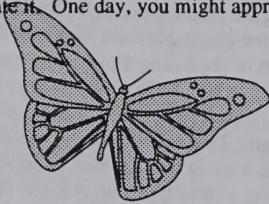
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office. The board members put flyers on cars in our local bar parking lots and at Coronation to advertise themselves. Friends are talking to friends, and now our community is literally buzzing about Monarch House Group.

We're happy to pass on some information in our publication. We're happy to refer your calls to Randy (634-0133) or Jeff (578-8072). And we're happy to ask each of you to do your part to help make the dream come true on June 1. Your tax deductible contributions may be mailed to the Monarch House Group, Inc., P.O. Box 8169, Colorado Springs, CO 80933. They appreciate it, we appreciate it, and all of our friends appreciate it. One day, you might appreciate it, too. ▼



October GTO a Terrific Time!

The October GTO meeting was one of the best ever. Around 60 people showed up at Steve's Broadmoor house, bringing more food than his kitchen has seen since it was remodeled. There were lots of familiar faces, and since everyone brought a friend, lots of new faces, too.

Martin Meier gave a pep talk about the community center's fund raiser, Alan gave his opinion on the various amendments having to do with education in the state, John Coniff spoke about the hypocrisy of the Tebedo Tag Team, and Steve invited everyone to stay all night. We never did hear an explanation about why the woman with the "Lesbians Against Pot Lucks" was the first one through the line.

November's GTO is currently scheduled for delay until the first part of December, either the 5th or the 12th. Call Alan, Laurie or Gary at 596-4483, 473-6372 or 632-2412 respectively to find out the final decision. It will be a great party! ▼

Put Your Ideas Into Action for the 1993 Pride Parade

Join the Community Center Today

Staff Director Explains Silence

Norma Berndt, staff director, has moved to a new home. This will be meaningful to you if you've recently volunteered to work for the community center, but have not been contacted.

Apparently Norma packed her telephone with her iron and will probably never see either again. If you want to try calling her, the new phone is 382-3039. If you're patient, however, she'll get to you in a few short days. ▼

It's a Pleasure to Announce a Birth!

Shellie and Carol duBois are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Justin Alexander duBois. He was born October 9, just after 8:00 PM, and weighed in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces. He spent a few days in the hospital, but now Justin and Mom and Mom are all home and doing fine.

Our best wishes to all, and congratulations to Evan on his new brother! ▼

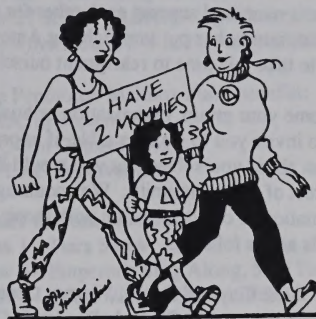
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This Celebration is for Everyone!

by Deb Contreras

New Phazes and the PPGLCC are working together to host a jubilee. This will be a time to share our relief that the election process is over, and support each other for all the work that the community has put into fighting Amendment 2. We would like to take this time to reacquaint ourselves with ourselves.

We welcome your group, organization or business to attend. We also invite you to set up a table, if appropriate, with information about yourselves that you would like to share with the rest of the community. We encourage you to share the information of our celebration with those around you. The details are as follows:

- Where: The Gaylord Room, Wornor Center, CC campus, Cache la Poudre & Cascade.
- When: November 6, 7:00 PM.
- Why: To celebrate a good fight and to remember the battle is not yet over. Education is the key.
- Dress: Your finest attire.
- RSVP: Deb Contreras, 389-0545. Please call so we will know how many tables to set up and the number of guests for food and beverage purposes.

Reminder: This is a non-alcoholic and non-smoking affair.▼

Ute Pass Pot Luck

Ute Pass gays and lesbians are hosting a get acquainted pot luck on Monday, November 23, at 6:30 p.m.. The location will be in Woodland Park. Please call Martin at 687-6335 for specific instructions to find the pot luck.▼

DIGNITY/Southern Colorado NEWS

DIGNITY/Southern Colorado is a group for gay, lesbian and bisexual Catholics and their friends, families and supporters. Dignity meets twice monthly on the first and third Saturdays at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 21st St. at W. Colorado Ave. Mass begins promptly at 7:00 PM followed by an informal social gathering.

November 2 will be the second meeting with Bishop Hanifen. The focus of the meeting will be to further discuss diocesan ministry to the gay and lesbian community members, and some AIDS spiritual ministry, among other topics.

Beginning in October, a monthly discussion group and potluck was organized. The topic of the first meeting was,

"Being Gay and Catholic." On November 12 the topic will be, "Why We Do What We Do At Mass," a discussion that goes through each part of the mass, explaining the origins of each. The pot luck starts at 6:30 PM; the discussion will be from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. For location information, call Michael, 635-5773.

The November masses will be on the 7th and 21st. Immediately following the 7:00 PM liturgy on the 21st there will be a Thanksgiving pot luck. The group will provide turkey and non alcoholic beverages; the pot luck should be Thanksgiving style. BYOB, too. For the dinner location, call Michael at 635-5773.

50 people are now attending Dignity on a regular basis. You and your friends are always welcome. For more information contact Michael at 635-5773 or write to him in care of DIGNITY/Southern Colorado, P.O. Box 1172, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.▼

New Discussion and Support Group for Spouses

The community center is forming a discussion and support group for heterosexual spouses of gay men and lesbians. A number of individuals in the Pikes Peak region have told the center that they are in this marital situation, and the center is attempting to see whether there is sufficient interest in creating a group to address the issues that arise under these circumstances. Other communities have similar organizations, so the center knows that the concept has been successful. To place your name on the list of people interested in this group, tentatively called the Spouses Support Group, please call Alan Cook on weekdays at 634-2488.▼

For Ladies Only

Laurie, one of the handful of people instrumental in forming the successful GTO group, has announced the formation of For Ladies Only, a social and support group for

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career and business women. Students are also welcome.

The first meeting will be November 10; the group will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. For more details call Laurie at 473-6372. ▼

S-CAP's Celebration of Life

The Southern Colorado AIDS Project, and Sam Broomall in particular, hosted the local tribute to AIDS Awareness Month.

The Open House at the S-CAP office (October 14) was well attended by over 100 people, including KKTU-Channel 5. Most of the board of directors was in attendance, meeting friends and families of clients, volunteers, and people interested in supporting S-CAP. A Memorial Wall was started during the open house. It is a place to hang pictures, poetry and articles about those people who were special to us.

A single quilt was also seen for the first time. It is the first of many to be made through the newly started Quilt Project at S-CAP, honoring people who have died of AIDS in the Pikes Peak region. The quilt was carried to Acacia Park that same evening when the entire group walked from the S-CAP office to Acacia Park. Everyone was given a candle for the Celebration of Life, which included several speakers, musical performances by Abendmusik, among others. Sam Broomall was his usual splendid self as master of ceremonies for the evening. ▼

Barroom Happenings (!)

At the **Penthouse**, 597-3314

Nov 3 - Election Day Party
Nov 14 - Penthouse Male Revue, 10:00 PM
Nov 20 - The Dating Game, S-CAP Benefit
Nov 27 & 28 - Thanksgiving Weekend Specials
18+ After Hours, 2-4 AM, Friday & Saturday

The Penthouse Mailbox Fund benefits:

EPOC in September,
EPOC in October, and
P-FLAG in November

At the **Hide & Seek**, 634-9303

Nov 1 - Tiara Show
Nov 6 - Emperor's Sing Along, 5:30 PM
Nov 7 - Court Victory Show, 10:30 & 12:00
Nov 8 - Investiture, 9:00 PM
Nov 13 - Emperor's Sing Along, 5:30 PM
Nov 20 - Emperor's Sing Along, 5:30 PM
Nov 27 - Emperor's Sing Along, 5:30 PM
Nov 27 - Torn Levi's Contest

At **Poor Richard's**,

Nov 3 - Election Victory Party, 7:00 PM ▼

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Amendment 2 Forum this Sunday!

The El Paso County chapter of the National Organization of Women (NOW) is sponsoring a forum on Amendment 2 on Sunday, November 1. Titled, "A Legacy of Discrimination: What Are We Leaving Our Children?," the forum will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Westside Center for Intergenerational Learning, 25 North 20th Street. ▼

The Dating Game, Live From The Penthouse!

The Penthouse is throwing another incredible fund raiser for S-CAP. For the price of admission, \$2.00, you will be able to see your friends as contestants, quizzing gorgeous, eligible bachelors imported at great expense from far-away Denver. From the audience, where you can look but not touch, you can coach your friends to pick the right stud. And you can watch as the two of them win fabulous prizes, including a dream-come-true evening on the town (Denver), and drive off into the sunset without you.

If it's not enough for you to watch this event at 10:00 PM on November 20, torture yourself again at midnight when it's all repeated!

OR...you can be a contestant, too! Pick up an application at the Penthouse for \$1.00.

All proceeds for the evening will be donated to Southern Colorado AIDS Project. Do it! ▼

October Meetings

B-GALA (CC). No report.

CGRA. No report.

CO-AOP. November 9 and 16, 7:15 PM. Call the Helpline for location.

DIGNITY meets November 7 and 21 at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church, 21st Street at West Colorado. This month there is a special Thanksgiving Put Luck dinner on November 21. The monthly discussion & pot luck will be November 12 at 6:30 PM. Call 635-5773 for details.

GLASG. Mondays at 5:30 PM.

GLAA. Every Monday and Friday at 8:00 PM. Call the Helpline for location.

B-GALA (UCCS). No report.

GIC. No report.

GTO. The November and December meetings will be combined and held early in December. Call Alan (596-4485) or Laurie (473-6372) for information.

THE GROUP. No report.

The Helpline. No report.

LCC. No report.

MABLE. No report.

MCC. Sunday church services at 5:00 PM. Bingo

Fridays at 7:00 PM, and Saturdays at noon. Choir rehearsals Sunday afternoons at 3:00 PM.

MOM. No report.

NEW PHAZES. Collating party at Abaton Books, November 24 at 6:00 PM.

P-FLAG. November 11, 6:30 PM.

PPGLCC. Board of directors meeting at November 21, 9:30 AM location to be announced.

S-CAP. November 10, board meeting at 5:30 PM at the S-CAP office.

UNITED COURT OF THE RISING SUN EMPIRE. See "Court News" on page 6.

UPSTART PERFORMING ENSEMBLE. No report ▼



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Read and Write

PPGLCC President Debates Tebedo

Community center President Robin Miller appeared with Kevin Tebedo on channel 8 (KTSC, PBS) on its "Stand-off" program on Thursday, October 8.

Tebedo, the son of state senator Mary Ann Tebedo, is a co-founder (along with the infamous Tony Marco) of Colorado for Family Values, the sponsor of Amendment 2. The two appeared with a single moderator during the show, which features a call-in format in which viewers direct a question to one of the "guests." The show naturally concerned the amendment.

Robin reports that reaction to her appearance was very complimentary, and that one caller even asked the show's crew to thank her for her efforts.

Mark Merriman has an interesting story about Kevin; ask him.▼

'No On 2' Yard Signs Popular

Vote No on Amendment 2 yard signs are available. EPOC's signs are available at Poor Richards, among other places. Call EPOC at 593-6015 to find out where more signs are available.

The Just Vote No group's yard signs are already all in place, and Norma Berndt, treasurer of the group, would like special thanks to go to Dennis, Jeff, Rick, Laurie and Maurcedes for their help in getting the project completed.▼

Political Groups Hard at Work -- For You!

EPOC, Just Vote No and Citizens Project have been working around the clock to help defeat Amendment 2.

EPOC-Colorado Springs has supplied speakers for various debates on Amendment 2, the latest of which was October 29 at West Junior High, featuring Betty Lynn Mahaffy. They have made available their yard signs, buttons, T-shirts and bumper stickers. They even hosted a well attended dance at Poor Richards last Saturday night.

Just Vote No has taken their campaign money and combined it with funds from the Metropolitan Community Church. They have bought a series of advertisements in the Gazette Telegraph. While the ads don't directly ask people to vote against the amendment, they do give examples of what could happen if the amendment passes.

Citizens Project was part of a Channel 5 series (October 28-31) on "Religion and Politics." They have supplied booklets, prepared by the Colorado Legislative Council, stating the pro and con positions on various ballot initiatives.

They have been outstanding in notifying all of us about the various debates, television shows and press conferences on a variety of subjects of interest to us.

They have done their part. Please do yours by voting on Tuesday!▼

You've Got the Power of the Pen (or PC)...

Just because you voted NO on Amendment 2 doesn't mean these people will go away and leave you alone. Focus on the Family and their supporters are already hard at work on several new projects.

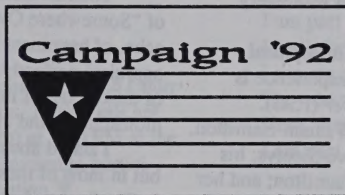
If you're a little disgusted that the public library seems to be taking orders from Focus on the Family, drop them a note and let them know. You might mention that you pay taxes; Focus on the Family does not. And you might mention that you can make up your own mind about which books to check out; Focus on the Family doesn't need to do that on your behalf. Write to Bernie Margolis, Director, Pikes Peak Library District, P.O. Box 1579, Colorado Springs, CO 80901.

And maybe you're upset because you saw a letter to the editor in our city newspaper "informing" those who didn't know that El Paso County Health Department was using taxpayer dollars to fund and staff a support group for gay and lesbian youth. If you think that young lesbians and gays are entitled to support groups to have their questions answered, and if you don't object to your

tax dollars being spent this way, write to the health department and let them know! While you're at it, write to the county commissioners too. Send them a carbon copy. Let them know that gay taxpayers are pleased that the health department is willing to do something so positive for members of our community. The addresses are El Paso County Health Department, 501 North Foote, Colorado Springs, CO 80909; and El Paso County Commissioners, 27 East Vermijo, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.▼

Lovesuit

When at first we loved
And lay so quiet together,
It was like I'd drawn
The zipper in your skin and climbed
Inside. My legs and feet filled
Gaps between your bones.
My arms pushed and stretched
Through yours, like sleeves, to the finger
Ends. I snuggled there beneath
Your skin, and stilled. You slid
The zipper back and we were one.▼



Books and Other Interesting Items

Book Talk with John Coniff

Redheads are my weakness. Some redheads are my nemesis. H.D., the formidable neo-intellectual scholar (not the Lesbian poet), has publicly accused me of not reading books from the twentieth-century. True, I do enjoy reading books by dead white men, and true, I don't usually read "gay lit" per say. But not only do I read modern books, but I also read first novels (how impetuous of you! exclaims H.D.).

Donna Tartt makes a stunning debut with *The Secret History* (Knopf). Although the plot is rather mundane (a group of students murder a classmate so he won't blow their involvement in another crime) Tartt draws us along with masterfully crafted characters that we care about, and we want to see how their crime effects them.

Photographing Fairies (Ballantine) is not Bruce Weber's latest photographic effort, but Steve Szilagyi's first novel. Considering the difficulty in getting published at all it is surprising that so many good first novels have been making their appearance this year (with Donna Tartt reigning supreme). Szilagyi's book chronicles a young American photographer's encounter with provincial Brits. What he discovers with his camera (and with the aid of some very special wildflowers) changes his life forever.

On the heavier side, Susan Sontag's philosophical ruminations on the phenomena of historical experience is explored in her latest novel *The Volcano Lover* (FSG). Sontag's book is centered on the life of Sir William Hamilton, England's diplomat to the Kingdom of the two Sicelys; his second wife, the bewitching beauty Emma Hamilton; and her famous lover Admiral Nelson. Mount Vesuvius smolders like their passions, presiding over their lives as a quiet reminder that one's destiny can change in a moment. It is the eruption of the French Revolution, not the volcano, that ends their idyllic lives in slothful southern Italy. This is not a romantic historic novel in the gothic tradition however: it is a cerebral, serious work for the contemplative soul. (Sontag wrote the now famous essay "Illness and its Metaphors" and its companion, "AIDS and its Metaphors.")

Gore Vidal's twenty-third novel *Live From Golgotha* (Random House) is a wonderfully blasphemous, sardonic look at the state of modern Christianity. St. Timothy is commissioned by a twentieth-century TV executive to record his version of the gospel; as a bonus, he is promised the anchor-man position when NBC tapes the crucifixion live for the ultimate ratings coup. Vidal has written a wonderful satire at a religion that takes itself altogether too seriously. Nero's rape of the young St. Timothy is especially memorable: Timothy protests that he's not a nan, not a bottom, but concedes that "Plato who wrote that for every bottom theres a top, somewhere, waiting to be screwed on."

After reading *Golgotha* I read Vidal's *Burr*, an historical recounting of Aaron Burr's life and times. Burr, third vice-

president and slayer of Alexander Hamilton, had the great fortune to spend the best years of his life during America's most successful achievements in the field of decorative arts. I am often suspicious of historical novels: the recreation and interpretation of previous societies and cultures is tricky business. Vidal is a master of the genre; his books are scrupulously researched; they are entertaining without being pedantic. And he is gay.

And what would a book review be without a report on Madonna's *Sex*? I promptly bought a copy, ripped open the cover, and devoured the succulent thing whole. I liked it. I don't care that every reviewer panned it. Madonna makes me moist and I'm not ashamed to admit it.

Geoff Ryman's latest effort *Was*, explores the phenomena of the cultural icon, from genesis to entrance and dissemination in society and culture. Ryman takes *The Wizard of Oz* and asks, how could this book have been inspired? He answers by giving Dorothy a history: a "real" person who provided Frank Baum's inspiration. Ryman then intertwines three stories: that of Dorothy herself; that of the young girl who plays Dorothy in the film; and the film's effect on a young boy who grows up to be an actor himself.

Todd Everett described Judy Garland's 1960 recording of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" as a "song of longing and ache, of happiness denied and hope diminished." This appraisal perfectly describes *Was*, a meditation on the death of childhood, of innocence robbed by sexual and spiritual molestation, and children's evil actions toward one another.

I stated above that I don't usually read "gay" literature, but in most of these books there are gay characters: a student in *The Secret History*, a young nobleman in *The Volcano Lover*, most of the characters but especially St. Paul in *Live From Golgotha*, a pederast in Burr, the guy whose ass Madonna is biting in *Sex*, and the actor Jonathan and Judy Garland's father in *Was*. One doesn't need to read "gay lit" to get one's quota of queers.▼

Garth Brooks on Freedom of Choice

GLAAD/LA (October, 1992) reports that Garth Brooks, in talking of his new song, "Freedom of Choice," stated the "song is about the choices people make, whether it be partners taken in life by homosexuals, or interracial couples. The Republicans' big problem is they believe family values are June and Walt and 2.3 children. To me it means being able to dream. It means that if a set of partners are black and white, or two people of the same sex, that the children grow up happy and healthy; that's what family values are."

Nice, huh?▼

Poetry and Potpourri

How It Starts

Know how it starts? she leaves her
watch on your bedside table and you
leave a shirt at her house then
you wear a jacket of hers home in the
rain and she starts to keep a T shirt
in your bureau just in case then it's
two toothbrushes and backup wheat germ
and kelp because she doesn't eat wheat
germ and you don't eat kelp and then
you make a corner for some of her
things and you begin to think of the
end of her couch as your end of the
couch and after that you might as well
just throw in the towel. ▼

"Lovesuit" was written by Beth Allen. "How It Starts" was written by Jane Barnes. Both are from *Naming the Waves: Contemporary Lesbian Poetry* (The Crossing Press, 1989).

Do You Enjoy Singing?

The Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church Choir has formed. David Corder is the conductor. Rehearsals are every Sunday (November 1, 15, 22 and 29) at 3:30 PM at the church, 730 North Tejon Street. You are invited to participate. Call 634-3771 for additional information. ▼

March on Washington April, 1993

The community center has received the first mailing from the national office of the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Equal Rights. Because "the United States continues to provide its lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens with violence, intolerance and discrimination, [because] the U.S. continues to feed its children with the poison of homophobia every day, [because] our educational system robs us of our role models, [because] as students we never learn the truth about James Baldwin, Gertrude Stein, Michelangelo, Eleanor Roosevelt, Walt Whitman or Willa Cather -- we will march for an end to the censoring of our history...., an end to the invisibility that denies all of us the vibrance and truth of our heritage."

Nadine Smith, National Executive Committee co-chair, said big numbers are important at this year's march. In 1987 there were between 500,000 and 750,000 people in attendance, yet the media reported numbers around 200,000. In 1993 there will be an official registration to ensure proper

reporting of the numbers.

REFLECTIONS ON THE WASHINGTON EXPERIENCE

by Derek Charles Livingston

I step off the plane
I am two inches taller
I am black in a black city
I am gay in a gay city
I am all around
I am power.
No one can touch me, I am bad
I think I'll sleep outside
Who's going to bother me anyway
This is my city, Washington, D.C. --
Washington, Derek Charles.

I walk the streets
I see my people looking back at me
They hold positions they don't hold elsewhere
Here, they are power
I am part of them.
I walk farther
I see my people holding hands
They do what they can't do elsewhere
Here, they are power
I am part of them, too.

I stand with my brothers and sisters
Marching where my brothers and sisters marched
The people are different
The issues are the same

I am at the Capitol
Seein' Jesse speak
Hearin' Jesse speak
Speakin' about me, about all of us
Jesse, Black like me
Speaking to those, gay, like me
A black leader recognizing us
"I am somebody"

I am standing and I see Names.
Names of those gone
Those who could not feel what I feel today
Too many of my people dying
Too many people dead.

I am black, I am gay and I am power!
I am everywhere
I am on the Metro

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1993 March on Washington

I shout into the cave-like station: "Whadda we want?"

The cave shouts: "GAY RIGHTS"

"Whenda we want 'em?"

NOW

We are power

Here and everywhere

I know now I am Black, White, Asian, Latino,
Native American, man, woman, poor, old, young,
leather, biker, jogger, professional, union, Unity.

The weekend ends

I have tasted power

I savored it

I like it

I shall carry it with me.

For love and for life

Derek Livingston is co-chair of the National Steering Committee for the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation.

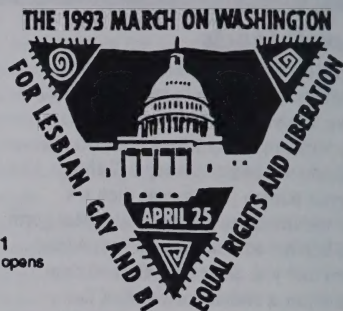
The March will be April 25, 1993. Community Vision will keep you posted of details if you will be one of the thousands who attend. The national office is 1012 14th Street NW, Washington, DC, 20005; the phone number is 202-628-0493.

The official travel agent for Colorado is Confident Travel, 1499 Bayshore Hwy, Suite 126, Burlingame, CA 94010. Ask for Jean Shaw at 800-872-7252. ▼

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Wednesday April 21
Historical Exhibit opens

Thursday April 22
Historical Exhibit
Lobbying - MOW, NGLTF, HRCF
Student Conference opens
Chorus Festival
Masquerade Ball
Victory Fund Candidate Training

Friday April 23
BiNet Annual Meeting
Historical Exhibit
Lobbying
Student Conference
Rainbow Alliance Conference
Chorus Festival
MOW Black-tie Banquet
Drag Show Extravaganza
Gay & Lesbian Parent Coalition Banquet/Reception
Victory Fund Candidate Training

Saturday April 24
Wedding - Ceremony of Commitment
Historical Exhibit
Student Conference
Drag Show Extravaganza
Texas Two Step Party
Bi National Gathering
Harvey Milk Memorial Unveiling
Motorcycle Run
S/M Leather Fetish Conference opens
Interfaith Service
MSU/GALA Reunion
The Purple Circuit - Theatre Reception
National Minority AIDS Council Reception
Prisoner Proxy Project
Victory Fund Board Meeting
Lesbian/Gay Bands of America Concert
"Time to Shine" Day of Healing for PWAs

Sunday April 25
Historical Exhibit
Lesbian Physicians Conference Opens
Opening Stage
THE MARCH
Main stage & rally
MOW Volunteer Thank You Reception

Monday April 26
Historical Exhibit
Lesbian Physicians Conference
Direct Action/Civil Disobedience

Tuesday April 27
Historical Exhibit
Lesbian Physicians Conference

Wednesday April 28
Historical Exhibit
Lesbian Physicians Conference

November Events

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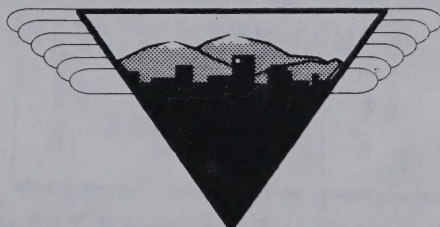
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Events Calendar

November 1992

LEGEND

CGRA - Colorado Gay Rodeo Ass'n
B-GALA - Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Alliance: Colorado College
CMI - Count Me In
CO-AOP - Coming Out, An Ongoing Process
EPOC - 632-6189
GIC - Gender Identity Center
GLAA - Gay & Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous
GLASG - Gay & Lesbian Adolescent Support Group
GTO - Good Times Organization
The Group - The Group: Gay Educators Pot Luck Social
JVN - Just Vote No (635-4802)
LCC - Lesbians Choosing Children
LGRC - Lesbians & Gays Raising Children
MABLE - Married But Lesbian
MCC - Metropolitan Community Church
MOM - Men Oriented Men
NP - New Phazes
OTA - One To Another
P-FLAG - Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
S-CAP - Southern Colorado AIDS Project (578-9092)

SUNDAY

1
NOW Forum-2:00
MCC Choir-3:30
MCC - 5:00
Tiara Show-H&S

8
MCC Choir-3:30
MCC - 5:00
Diversity GT-6:00
Investiture-H&S-9:00

15
MCC Choir-3:30
MCC - 5:00

22
MCC Choir-3:30
MCC - 5:00

29
MCC Choir-3:30
MCC - 5:00

MONDAY

2
GLASG - 5:30
Citizens Proj-7:00
GLAA - 8:00

9
GLASG - 5:30
CO-AOP - 7:15
GLAA - 8:00

16
GLASG - 5:30
CO-AOP - 7:15
GLAA - 8:00

23
GLASG - 5:30
Uta Pass Pot Luck-6:30
GLAA - 8:00

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GLASG - 5:30
GLAA - 8:00

TUESDAY

3
Election Parties
Poor Richards and
The Penthouse
7:00

10
S-CAP Board-5:30

17

24
NP Collating-6:00

WEDNESDAY

4

11
P-FLAG-6:30

18

25

THURSDAY

5

12
Dignity Pot Luck-6:30

19

26
Thanksgiving Dinner
at Iron Spgs Chateau
Doors Open-11:00 AM

FRIDAY

6
PPGLCC Jubilee-7:00
MCC Bingo - 7:00
GLAA - 8:00

13
MCC Bingo - 7:00
GLAA - 8:00

20
MCC Bingo - 7:00
GLAA - 8:00
The Dating Game at
the Penthouse

27
MCC Bingo - 7:00
GLAA - 8:00

SATURDAY

7
MCC Bingo - noon
Dignity - 7:00

14
MCC Bingo - noon
P.R. Ball - 7:00
Male Revue at the
Penthouse-10:00

21
PPGLCC Board-9:30
MCC Bingo - noon
Dignity - 7:00

28
MCC Bingo - noon

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